Albany PEGAOB Minutes 1/9/2014

Present: Joe Cunniff, Cathy Taylor, Joann Crupi, Richard Berkley, Jimmy Miller

Absent: Andrew Bechard, Richard Berkley, Andrew Joyce, Mike Yevoli

Public Comment

John Jay Steinhart announced that he had submitted his name to the Mayor's office as that office's 2^{nd} appointment to the board and was looking from endorsements from the board.

Dennis Karius embraced John Jay's submission, saying he would be a good board member. Dennis wondered about having another channel from TWC for the region.

Meeting proceedings:

Cathy reported on various activities at the New School.

- It was determined that the Telvue maintenance agreement is paid up for 4 years, Tom to get written confirmation.
- Telvue server not working properly regarding streaming/capture to the cloud. Streaming works, but requires clumsy add-on equipment. Telvue to fix server to work properly without add-on or replace the server.
- Studio camera #3 has been returned, Audio Video Corp could find no problems with it.
- Switcher at library has a problem with input 4. Work around in place. If work around fails, need to send switcher in for repair recommended we purchase a second switcher while the other is in for repair, then use repaired switcher in City Hall with new robotic cameras.
- Three Sony Vegas editing stations now in use at library. Another copy of editing software will be installed on "digital studio" computer to provide fourth edit station.

It was determined that those who require a device to access PEG channels can obtain one from TWC at no charge until the end of 2014, at which point it will cost \$1 per month. This charge is in line with what the FCC deems appropriate. It was also determined that those with basic service and a QAM (digital) tuner can access PEG channels, but not on 16, 17, 18.

Sub-committee reports:

technology committee Joe Bonilla
Joe Cunniff
Tom Brownlie
Richard Berkley
- no news

Community Outreach and Correspondence

Joann Crupi Joe Bonilla Marc Gronlich

- Joe Bonilla, Marc Gronlich, Joann Crupi to meet with CSR students regarding PR client

Volunteer Coordination

Jimmy Miller Andrew Joyce Richard Berkley

- No new

Fund Raising

Andrew Bechard Joe Cunniff

- Discussion about becoming a 501c-3, perhaps using a City attorney to assist. Jimmy will call Brad.

Next Meeting February 13, 2014 - 6PM City Hall

Meeting adjourned

Albany PEGAOB Minutes 2/20/2014

Present: Joe Cunniff, Joann Crupi, Andrew Joyce

Absent: Andrew Bechard, Richard Berkley, Joe Bonilla, Tom Brownlie, James

Miller, Mike Yevoli

Public Comment

None

Meeting proceedings:

College of St. Rose Public Relations Class:

Kevin Bargher, Shawn Dixon, Christine Farfan, and Maggie Moran presented their ideas for helping Channel Albany gain brand awareness. They want to produce 1,000 color flyers for distribution at targeted locations with targeted demographics. Joe Cunniff agrees to meet with Mayor Sheehan to seek funding for the flyers. It was agreed students would present flyer to board for approval, flyer will include new PEG channel location information.

Reviewed minutes but did not accept as there was not a quorum.

Discussed sharing videos with Colonie Public Education channel, concluded there is no reason not to.

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 Joe Cunniff will speak with Zeb Schmidt at Proctor's Open Stage regarding Cloudcasting and Council Chambers replacement equipment.

Community Outreach and Correspondence

Joann Crupi Joe Bonilla Marc Gronlich

- Joe Cunniff, Joe Bonilla, and Joann Crupi met with St. Rose students to being process of Channel Albany being their client.
- Joann Crupi announced that St. Rose workshops will begin 5/15/2015, and end 7/24/2014, beginning at 6PM.

Volunteer Coordination

Jimmy Miller Andrew Joyce Richard Berkley - Andrew Joyce in discussions with Corporation Counsel regarding legal issues.

Fund Raising

Andrew Bechard Joe Cunniff

- No news.

Next Meeting April 11, 2014 - 6PM City Hall

Meeting adjourned

Albany PEGAOB Minutes 4/10/2014

Present: Andrew Bechard, Richard Berkley, Joe Cunniff, Joann Crupi, Andrew Joyce, Jim Miller, Cathy Taylor, Amanda Vitullo

Absent: Joe Bonilla, ACSD appointee, Mayoral appointee #2

Public Comment

Dennis Karius mentioned the possible merger of Comcast and Time Warner and wondered how the Board perceived that possible merger.

John Jay Steinhart asked about a methodology to communicate with channels by streaming video or ftp.

Meeting proceedings:

Approved purchase of Elgato system game catcher for library studio video capture device (unanimous).

Approved purchase of HP Color 30 ppm Laserjet printer for library studio (unanimous).

Approval of \$1000 + \$250 materials for mural to be painted on backdrop at library studio shelved while Andrew Joyce reaches out to Upstate Artist Guild and City Arts Commission for other options. Will discuss options at next meeting and determine proper course of action.

Phase II funding - letter received from Time Warner indicating check is forthcoming.

Introduced new Board member Amanda Vitullo, representing Capitalize Albany.

Discussed getting back ChannelAlbany domain names. Richard Berkley will email Michelina to discuss legal issues.

New overhead fluorescent lighting being installed in library studio.

Public outreach - May 7th meeting with St. Rose students to discuss social media outreach they have performed during semester. Joe Bonilla and Marc Gronich will attend.

Volunteer coordination - Andrew Joyce is investigating internships, concentrating on St. Rose first, then reaching out to SUNY. Marc Gronich will post notice on Linkedin.

Funding committee - Andrew Bechard suggested using a segregated account with Albany Public Library Foundation to provide non-profit status for fund raising activities. Amanda Vitullo would investigate grant possibilities.

Next Meeting May 8, 2014 - 6PM City Hall - Joe Bonilla will chair, Joe Cunniff scheduled to be out of town.

Meeting adjourned

Albany PEGAOB Minutes 6/12/2014

Present: Andrew Bechard, Joe Cunniff, Joann Crupi, Andrew Joyce, Cathy Taylor,

Absent: Richard Berkley, Joe Bonilla, Jimmy Miller, ACSD appointee, Mayoral appointee #2, Capitalize appointee

Public Comment

John Jay Steinhart announced he was interested in filling vacancy on board and has sent a letter to Mayor asking for nomination, and also mentioned that "shows should be rotated".

Dennis Karius expressed support for Mr. Steinhart to be appointed to board. He also mentioned that the public access coordinator has announced a website for sharing shows by uploading - https://mega.co.nz

Keith Irish says slides on Channel Albany indicate time of day for all shows except CDTA show, which only shows email address and phone number. Mr. Irish also indicated the City's website has a link to Televue CloudCast, allowing web users to see Channel Albany online.

Mark Gronich mentioned that the Jewish View show is approaching its 100th show.

Meeting proceedings:

Because there was not a quorum, the meeting did not conduct business. Information about Channel 16 and Video Server equipment failures and need for power conditioning equipment was discussed briefly.

The members present were provided the results of College of St. Rose public outreach efforts.

Meeting adjourned 6:30PM.